

~~New Claims~~  
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for storing and playing back a message via an electrical device (9), in particular an automobile radio device, which has a record/read unit (3) for chip cards (1), characterized in that

the message is input in the form of an acoustic input, preferably via a microphone (7), a radio receiver (8), or a cassette deck (12);

the message that is input is digitized via a voice module (6);

the digitized message is stored in a memory module (2) of the chip card (1) introduced into the record/read unit (3); and

the message is output upon request, preferably automatically after the electrical device is powered up or in user-initiated fashion, from the memory module (2) of the chip card (1), preferably acoustically or via a display (11).

2. The method as defined in Claim 1, characterized in that playback of the message is accomplished via the electrical device (9). *a*

3. The method as defined in Claim 1, characterized in that playback of the message is accomplished via a second device (10).

4. The method as defined in Claims 1 through 3, characterized in that playback of the message is accomplished via a display (11).

5. The method as defined in Claims 1 through 4, characterized in that playback of the message is accomplished via a voice output (11).

6. The method as defined in Claims 1 through 5, characterized in that the length of the message depends on the memory capacity of the card.

7. The method as defined in one of Claims 1 through 6, characterized in that the free memory space in the memory (2) of the card (1) is displayed during voice input.

8. An electrical device, in particular an automobile radio device, having

- a record/read unit (3) for chip cards (1), and
- a control system (4),

characterized by

- means (7, 8, 12) for the input of acoustic information, preferably in the form of a microphone (7) and/or a radio receiver (8) and/or a cassette deck (12);

- a voice module (6) for digitizing a message input in the form of acoustic information; and

- a configuration of the control system (4) such that the latter stores a message, once input and then digitized in the voice module (6), in the memory module (2) of the chip card (1) inserted into the record/read unit (3); and that the latter upon request, preferably when the electrical device is powered up or in user-initiated fashion, outputs, acoustically and/or via a display (11), a message stored in the memory (2) of the chip card (1) inserted into the record/read unit (3).

9. The electrical device, in particular an automobile radio device, having a record/read unit (3) for chip cards (1), a display (11), and a control system via a microprocessor (4), as defined in Claim 8, characterized in that the control system (4) has a function which allows voice output of the contents of a message that is stored digitally in the memory (2) of the chip card (1).

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10. The electrical device as defined in Claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the device has a circuit (13) which allows an audio input via multiple input devices (7, 8, 12).

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